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THE PARTING HOUR. The following exquisite poem, says the Portland Evening Commercial, was written by the late Edward Pollock, the gifted California poet, on the 6th of January, 1867, and has never before been published.

There's something in the "parting hour" Will chill the warmest heart— Yet kindred, comrades, lovers, friends, Are fated all to part.

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The Chinaman.

The discussion of the Chinese problem, which commenced on the Pacific coast a few years back, has reached the Atlantic States and is engaging the attention of our most able statesmen and journalists.

We are not among those who apprehend any danger from this importation to such an extent as may be reasonably anticipated. Our politico digestive apparatus has accommodated itself to a tremendous absorption of Irish, Germans, and negroes; and if we cannot stand, by way of dietary, a few tens of thousands, more or less, of Chinese—who come merely as outsiders, so far as a vote goes, and who will keep our kitchen fires in better order than they have been for these few years past—so much the worse for us.

The great question as between labor and capital, we may be assured, will plunge on, and make the great turmoil of the next twenty five years, whether Chinamen come or no. Nay, there is some reason to hope that by their patience, their imperturbability, their resolute industry, and their hardy disposition, they may make up a sort of third element in the strife, and act as a buffer to moderate the crash between labor and capital.

Until we see further and better reason, we certainly will not join in any crusade against John Chinaman, whether he comes to work two years or one, or whether he pegs our heel taps or takes possession of our kitchens.

A MIRACLE.—In an Israelitic community there lived a Rabbi, esteemed and beloved by all. To prove their gratitude for services rendered, the community decided upon the suggestion of a rich merchant, to offer the Rabbi a present of a ton of wine, and that all might contribute to it, it was agreed that each should bring a bottle of wine and pour it into the receptacle. The Rabbi received with gratitude the offering, and with which precaution deposited the precious liquor in his cellar.

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THE OREGONIAN AGAIN.

And now on this day comes the Oregonian in his own proper person, and by J. Gaston as of counsel, and denies our statement that the people of the west side had been bilked on the railroad question, and says:

We have, at different times, been at some pains to explain the state of affairs relative to the proposed west side railroad, and to detail some of the principal transactions that have taken place in this city, whereby the affairs of that projected enterprise have been brought into their present condition.

And then wonders where we obtained our information. The editor thinks we could not have obtained it from any newspaper published at Portland. That may be very true, and undoubtedly is, but we can assure the Oregonian that if we had no other source of obtaining information except from Portland papers we might, in particular cases, be in a bad predicament.

It is said Holladay had made a statement in regard to the west side road. Simply the opinion of Mr. Holladay, we suppose, as there is no pretention that Mr. H— had purchased the franchise nor does he so say in the statement referred to, but the Oregonian thinks the people are unwilling to accept the said statement, but we tell the Oregonian the people are not willing to be bilked any more by such irresponsible statements.

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Telegraphic Summary.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Noon.—Details of the Saarbruck affair have been received. The fight commenced at 11 yesterday. The French passed the frontier in force and the Prussians were driven from a strong position by a heavy fire of artillery.

PARIS, August 5.—Gen. Donay was killed in the Weissenburg battle, and our troops were forced to retire. FRANKFORT, Aug. 5.—Five hundred French Prisoners have arrived here from Weissenburg. The total number taken by the Prussians was eight hundred including eighteen officers.

PARIS, August 5.—The North German three-masted schooner Scare was captured by a French man-of-war to-day. PARIS, Aug. 6.—The French troops engaged before Weissenburg, numbered only eight thousand, and had to contend with a Prussian army corps including picked troops of the guard, but in spite of the inferiority of numbers the French resisted the assault of the Prussians for several hours, with admirable heroism, and the Prussian loss was so heavy that they did not dare to pursue them.

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